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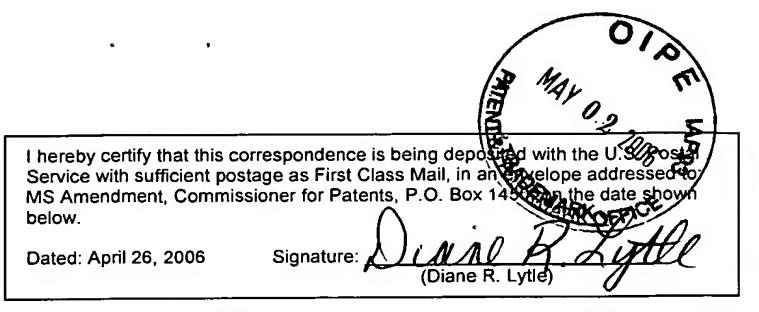
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated January 26, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 4 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 14 of this paper.